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FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1143

internet crimes against children; appropriation

Purpose

An emergency measure that appropriates \$1.8 million in FY 2016 from the Internet Crimes Against Children Enforcement Fund (Fund) to the Attorney General (AG) for the related task force.

Background

Laws 2015, Chapter 245 established the Fund consisting of \$900,000 each fiscal year from the proceeds of lottery games sold from a vending machine in an age-restricted area and unclaimed lottery prize money, as well as monies available from any other source (A.R.S. §§ 5-554 and 5-568). The AG must use monies in the Fund to enter into one or more intergovernmental agreements to continue the operation of the federally recognized Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force program (ICAC Task Force). The ICAC Task Force coordinates a national network of agencies in investigations, forensic examinations and prosecutions related to technology-facilitated sexual exploitation of children and internet crimes against children (A.R.S. § 41-199). The ICAC Task Force is a joint federal/local law enforcement task force led by the Phoenix Police Department.

According to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, although last year's bill became effective immediately, due to a technical error none of the monies were appropriated in FYs 2015 or 2016. The Fund is expected to have a balance of \$1.8 million by the end of FY 2016.

Provisions

- 1. Appropriates \$1.8 million in FY 2016 from the Fund to the AG for the ICAC Task Force.
- 2. Exempts the appropriation from lapsing.
- 3. Becomes effective on signature of the Governor, if the emergency clause is enacted.

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